

Proclamation 4501

April 14, 1977

Small Business Week, 1977

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Our nation's small businesses employ 100 million Americans and produce nearly half of our gross business product. Small businesses remain healthy in an economic environment that equates size with success because they take an active interest in the customers and communities they serve.

A successful small business is evidence of the independence, initiative and hard work of the man or woman who owns and operates it. Their spirit has been, and will continue to be, a major factor in our nation's growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning Sunday, May 22, 1977, as Small Business Week, and I ask all Americans to join me in expressing the pride we take in our nation's small business sector.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4502

April 15, 1977

National Maritime Day, 1977

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

For more than two centuries, the United States has relied on the Merchant Marine for trade and defense. The Merchant Marine has contributed to our economic growth and military strength.

The men and women of our Merchant Marine have worked hard to export our products to foreign markets, and import foreign goods for our use and pleasure.

Those who serve in the Merchant Marine have the spirit, the character, and devotion to duty that have made our nation strong, free, and prosperous.

In recognition of the importance of the American Merchant Marine, the Congress, by joint resolution of May 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 73, 36 U.S.C. 145) designated May 22 of each year as National Maritime Day in commemoration of the departure